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FOR SALE BY TELEPHONE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment amends certain claims of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

AMENDMENTS

A¹ 1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for listing an independent seller's good for sale using a CPU, a memory operatively connected to the CPU and a program stored in the memory and executable by the CPU for presenting the good for sale on a website, the method comprising:

receiving from a seller information identifying a good, the information comprising a series of tones generated by depression of keys of a telephone; and
presenting the good for sale on a website.]

A² 6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising retrieving information relating to the good from a database;
wherein the information retrieved is used to present the good for sale.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein presentation of the good for sale using information related to the good retrieved from a database is performed in real time.]

A³ 9. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
determining a recommended sale price for the good;
providing the recommended sale price to the seller; and
receiving from the seller a selected sale price.

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10. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
determining a recommended sale price for the good;
providing the recommended sale price to the seller; and
receiving from the seller a confirmation of the seller's acceptance of
the recommended sale price and using the recommended sale price as the selected
sale price.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving
a seller identification code which is recognizable in association with the seller.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the seller
identification code received comprises tones generated by depressing the
telephone's keys in a sequence corresponding to an alphanumeric sequence
associated with the seller.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the seller
identification code is a telephone number of the telephone from which the seller is
calling, and wherein the determination of a recommended sale price for the good
comprises recognizing the telephone's telephone number by a caller identification
technique.]